

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Marc Gianotti, declare that I am a citizen of Switzerland, and a resident of Schauenbergstrasse 13, CH-8542 Wiesendangen, Switzerland; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention or discovery in STENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME; described and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/993,033, filed on December 18, 1997, a copy of which is annexed hereto; that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that said invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that I acknowledge that I have a duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to herein; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention or discovery has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

This application is based on European Patent Application No. 97202152.1, filed July 17, 1997 in the European Patent Office, the priority of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon;

And I hereby appoint PETER C. RICHARDSON, Reg. No. 27,526; ALLEN J. SPIEGEL, Reg. No. 25,749; AARON PASSMAN, Reg. No. 26,783; GEZINA HOLTRUST, Reg. No. 28,222; J. TREVOR LUMB, Reg. No. 28,567; LAWRENCE C. AKERS, Reg. No. 28,587; RAYMOND W. AUGUSTIN, Reg. No. 28,588; PAUL H. GINSBURG, Reg. No. 28,718; MARK DRYER, Reg. No. 28,775; ELIZABETH O. SLADE, Reg. No. 29,011; JOHN L. LAPIERRE, Reg. No. 29,185; JAMES T. JONES, Reg. No. 30,561; GREGG C. BENSON, Reg. No. 30,997; A. DEAN OLSON, Reg. No. 31,185; ROBERT F. SHEYKA, Reg. No. 31,304; HOWARD R. JAEGER, Reg. No. 31,376; GROVER F. FULLER, JR., Reg. No. 31,760; MERVIN E. BROKKE, Reg. No. 32,723; KAREN DEBENEDICTIS, Reg. No. 32,977; VALERIE M. FEDOWICH, Reg. No. 33,688; PHILIP C. STRASSBURGER, Reg. No. 34,258; BRYAN C. ZIELINSKI, Reg. No. 34,462; LORRAINE B. LING, Reg. No. 35,251; ROBERT T. RONAU, Reg. No. 36,257; GARTH BUTTERFIELD, Reg. No. 36,997; JOHN D. CONWAY, Reg. No. 39,150; B. TIMOTHY CREAGAN, Reg. No. 39,156; CARL J. GODDARD, Reg. No. 39,203; ALAN L. KOLLER, Reg. No. 37,371 and RAYMOND M. SPEER, Reg. No. 26,810; of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017-5755, my agents with full power of substitution, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

And I hereby request that all correspondence in this application be directed to PETER C. RICHARDSON, Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017-5755.

Wherefore I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and power of attorney.

Signed the 16 day of February 1998.

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Sir:

The undersigned, Schneider (USA) Inc, a Minnesota corporation and the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney and appoints the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Luke R. Dohmen, Reg. No. 36,783; Peter J. Gafner, Reg. No. 36,517; Robert M. Ranker, Reg. No. 40,782; Todd P. Messal Reg. No. 42,883; David L. Cavanaugh, Reg. No. 36,476; Patricia LaMarche-Davis, Reg. No. 37,866; Mark J. Casey, Reg. No. 37,796; and William J. Shaw, Reg. No. 43,111.

Schneider (USA) Inc further appoints the law firm of LARKIN, HOFFMAN, DALY & LINDGREN, LTD. and Frederick W. Niebuhr, Registration No. 27,717; John F. Klos, Registration No. 37,162; and Andrew D. Ryan, Registration No. 39,351 as attorneys/agents with full power to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including any continuations, divisionals, and international applications claiming the benefit of priority from this application.

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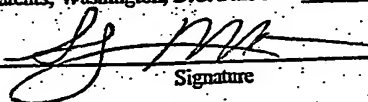
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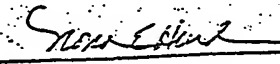
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On this 25th day of September, 1998 before me personally appeared Paul W. Sandman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes set forth herein.


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